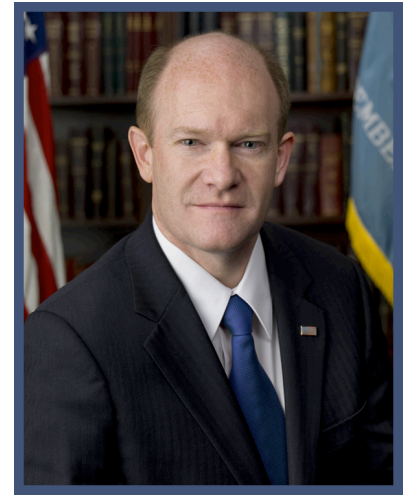




Christopher A. Coons

U.S. SENATOR *for* DELAWARE



The people of Delaware elected Chris Coons to represent them in the United States Senate in November 2010. Sworn-in less than two weeks later, Chris immediately got to work, cosponsoring the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act and the repeal of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Chris has since built a reputation as a social progressive committed to responsible fiscal moderation, eager to find pragmatic, bipartisan solutions to our nation's most pressing challenges. Chief among his priorities is getting more Delawareans back to work and growing the economy by encouraging investments in small businesses and job creation.

Chris was entrusted with four critical committee assignments in the 112th Congress – Foreign Relations, Judiciary, Energy, and Budget – at the nexus of his commitment to promoting American innovation and making the United States more competitive in the global marketplace. Chris became the only freshman to be named a subcommittee chair when in February he was selected to lead the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs.

Chris' election to the Senate caps a decade of successful service in New Castle County government. In four years as New Castle County Council President and six years as County Executive, Chris earned a reputation for delivering real results on behalf of Delawareans.

His leadership successfully protected New Castle County from the least stable national economic climate in decades. Chris balanced six budgets by eliminating wasteful spending and created jobs through innovative public-private partnerships. His Safe Streets partnership removed dangerous parole violators from our neighborhoods and cleaned up seventy of the worst county properties. He also preserved hundreds of acres of open space and fought for an independent ethics commission to make county government more transparent in its business dealings.

Prior to serving as County Executive, Chris worked as an attorney for Delaware-based W.L. Gore & Associates, one of the 200 largest privately held companies in the U.S., where he helped the company expand and create hundreds of jobs. Earlier, he worked full time with the South African Council of Churches in the fight against apartheid and the New York-based Coalition for the Homeless.

Chris' has devoted much of his time and energy to nonprofit organizations, such as the education-oriented "I Have a Dream" Foundation, and he serves on several boards, including First State Innovation, the Bear/Glasgow Boys & Girls Club, and the Delaware College of Art and Design.

Chris is a graduate of Amherst College with a B.A. in Chemistry and Political Science, and he earned a law degree from Yale Law School and a Master's in Ethics from Yale Divinity School. Chris also spent time studying overseas at the University of Nairobi in Kenya.

A New Castle County native, Chris grew up in the Pike Creek and Hockessin areas. He and his wife, Annie, live in Wilmington, where they are raising their three children, Michael, Jack, and Maggie.